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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 23, 2002, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, and 18 for the pending claims with the same numbers, respectively:

-- 3. (Twice Amended) A method for a VPN server that manages bandwidth of a remote

link, comprising:

assigning a portion of the bandwidth to at least one application group; and

metering packets belonging to the application group;

wherein the server is directly connected to other links having larger bandwidth than the

available bandwidth of the remote link.--